



## Softball ends fourth week



MEDDAC,  
24th Inf. Div.,  
continue strong play.

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## Grads receive degrees

Nearly 230  
college  
students turned  
their tassels  
June 10.

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## Around The Army

### Germany:

The European Stars and Strips reported June 17 that Soldiers wounded and injured in Iraq were cheered by the visit of Medal of Honor recipients. One of those recipients, Sammy Davis, leaned over a nearly motionless 1st Lt. Dwight Mears and asked him to hold onto the Medal of Honor draped around Davis' neck.

Mears did, and Davis, who fought in Vietnam, said: "This medal honors everyone in uniform. I'm only the caretaker."

For more on this story and other military news in Europe and the Pacific, visit the Web at [www.estripes.com](http://www.estripes.com).

### Korea:

The Indianhead reported that a new community involvement program arranged for members of the Camp Page Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers group to spend an afternoon with nine disadvantaged Korean youth.

After a quick welcome and lunch, the Americans discussed an academic lesson plan. The children then joined their sponsors for a creative session at the installation arts and crafts center.

Garrison officials hope to make the visits an ongoing weekly project. They said two more children would be added to the group at the next session.

For more on this story and other 2nd Infantry Division news, visit the Web at [www-2id.korea.army.mil](http://www-2id.korea.army.mil).

### Fort Polk:

The Guardian reported June 13 that Fort Polk's military working dogs, part of the 91st Military Police Detachment, 519th MP Battalion, Warrior Brigade, "led the pack" at the Forces Command military working dog competition at Fort Campbell, Ky., taking home three first-place trophies in five events.

The five-day competition, held annually, hosted 16 canine teams, four of them representing Fort Polk. Each team competed in all five events.

Events covered specific training areas including tactical obedience and handler protection, building search and scouting and vehicle search for drugs and explosives.

For more on this story and other Fort Polk news, visit the Web at [www.jric-polk.army.mil](http://www.jric-polk.army.mil).

### Fort Huachuca:

The Scout reported June 3 that a national education program, "Character Counts!," was introduced to the fort's School Age Services and Smith Middle School last year.

The program's framework is based upon six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship - which mirror and complement the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

For more on this story and other Fort Huachuca news, visit the Web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

# Post says farewell to task force

About half of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, Soldiers will see Iraq second time

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, deployed to Iraq a couple days following a June 15 ceremony

to formally say good-bye to the 700-some Soldiers formed in Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field.

The battalion returned last July from a deployment that moved its Soldiers into Iraq on March 21,

2003. For this deployment to Iraq, the unit will be attached to the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, from Fort Drum, N.Y.

Lt. Col. David Bachelor, commander of Task Force 1-41, took a moment during the ceremony to

recognize the unit's sponsors and family members. He then introduced the guest speaker, Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), who spoke to the troops

about their roles in making history.

"For the United States of America today, we find ourselves in historic times," Kearney said.

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# Hunting



USMC/Fitzgerald

Spec. Antron T. Byrd, a combat engineer with 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, is assigned to the 1st Marine Division, searches farmland for illegal weapons caches. After his metal detector indicated a possible find, Byrd had the area dug up to check for buried weapons that could be used to harm coalition forces or Iraqi citizens.

## Soldiers, Marines search for weapons

By Paula M. Fitzgerald  
1st Marine Division

AR RAMADI, Iraq -- Engineers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team are helping 1st Marine Division Marines uncover enemy weapons in their zone.

Army Spec. David J. Sieben can't count how many weapons cache searches he's been on since arriving in Iraq in September.

The Carson City, Nev., Soldier said a large part of his battalion's responsibilities include the retrieval and destruction of illegal weapons that could be used against coalition forces or Iraqi citizens.

"In the past nine months, we've probably done well over 100 weapons cache searches," Sieben said. "It's become part of our daily lives."

Sieben is a combat engineer with 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The battalion is based at Camp Ramadi but operates throughout the Al Anbar Province in support of the 1st Marine Division.

To date, the battalion has recovered "literally tons" of rifles, pistols, machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, mortar tubes, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, improvised explosive devices, grenades, ammunition and other assorted heavy and small-arms fire paraphernalia.

Staff Sgt. Johnny C. Carney, squad leader, said his Soldiers have worked as far east as Fallujah, 35 miles from Camp Ramadi and as far west as Al Asad, about 75 miles away.

"We can operate pretty much anywhere we're needed," he added.

Lately, the Soldiers have been searching the area around Ar Ramadi, where thousands of American servicemembers are based.

The Soldiers wake up before sunrise each morning to inspect the readiness of their gear, weapons and vehicles. After rehearsals and a quick brief about the mission.

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## Army faces staffing needs

### Chaplaincy initiative aims to fill slots

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

Gen. George C. Marshall once said, "the Soldier's heart, the Soldier's spirit, the Soldier's soul are everything. Unless the Soldier's soul sustains him he cannot be relied on and he will fail himself and his country in the end."

For these reasons and more, the Army needs chaplains.

The Chaplain Corps recently opened several new opportunities to join its ranks in order to fill a shortage of chaplains in reserve and National Guard units and the active Army.

"We're short 500 chaplains in Guard and reserve units and 600 or so in the active Army, which we are slowly trying to shrink," said Chaplain (Col.) Dan Paul, Fort Riley command chaplain. "We're hoping that by September we will be at 100 percent for the active positions but we're still short in the Guard, which is a special concern now that they're starting to be mobilized."

It is easier than ever for active duty Soldiers to become chaplains if they have a four-year degree from any accredited college. Soldiers with four-year degrees may apply to enroll in seminary. Upon being accepted, the Soldier will be dropped from enlisted duty and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the reserves.

Soldiers must complete the chaplain candidate course at Fort Jackson, S.C. They then have six years to complete their course of study at seminary, including two years of pastoral experience, which can be conducted during or after seminary.

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## 'Chief' leaves for new job

McPhee assumes mobilization responsibility

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Fort Riley said farewell June 9 to the Army officer who led the joint military search for weapons of mass destruction in Operation Iraqi Freedom and later served as chief of staff, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

Col. Richard McPhee does not leave the Victory division, however. He just moves to the forward division headquarters at Fort

Jackson, S.C., to succeed Brig. Gen. Jay Hood as the special assistant to the commanding general. He will be responsible for mobilizing the three National Guard brigades assigned to the 24th Inf. Div. and other Guard and Reserve units when they are called to deploy.

Col. Michael Okita will succeed McPhee on June 28.

Coming from Iraq to his position as chief of staff at Fort Riley, McPhee brought a notable war record and a personality that is

very much person oriented, said Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. and Fort Riley.

"That's one of the first things everyone appreciated ... in conjunction with that mission focus," Hardy said.

With a lot of new staff coming aboard, McPhee "very quickly assembled a team and made a very quick and important difference in what was a high-stress

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Post/Blackmon

Col. Richard McPhee (right) says good-bye to Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, during McPhee's departure ceremony June 9. McPhee will be assigned to Fort Jackson, S.C.





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## Post news in brief

### Drinking water report available

Fort Riley's Directorate of Environment and Safety has released the post's annual Consumer Confidence Report. "Fort Riley's drinking water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water regulations in 2003 and continues to do so," said Debra Porter, drinking water program coordinator.

The CCR is posted on the Internet at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

"From the Fort Riley Homepage, follow the link to Services, Fort Riley Services and then to the Environment page, which will have a link labeled 'Quality of Tap Water Report,'" Porter said.

The CCR provides information on the type and name of the water source; information on contaminants including a mandatory monitoring list; information on detected regulated and/or unregulated contaminants; any violations associated with monitoring and reporting; and, health information for immuno-compromised persons.

Information about CCRs can be obtained from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

For more information about Fort Riley's CCR, consumers can contact Porter at 239-2630.

### Hospital limits appointments

The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity change of command at Irwin Army Community Hospital is scheduled for 9 a.m. June 24, on Cavalry Parade Field.

Col. Marilyn H. Brooks will assume command of MED-DAC and IACH from Col. Julie M. Martin.

Scheduled clinic appointments will be reduced the afternoon of June 23 and the morning of June 24.

The pharmacy will have reduced staff and waiting times may increase. Beneficiaries are asked to preplan and, if possible, receive their medication at other times.

Emergency care will be available.

### Center plans June job fair

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a job fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28, in building 319.

CPAC staff will collect resumes for temporary positions to be filled for up to one year.

Positions to be filled begin before Aug. 1.

Positions available include personnelists, NBC-chemical, materials handlers, ammunition delivery drivers, physical/personnel security, administrative management, and administrative assistants.

Veterans should bring a DD form 214 (member 4 copy) and a resume to the job fair.

Students enrolled in summer or fall college classes should bring proof of enrollment, latest transcripts and a resume to the Job Fair.

All other applicants should bring a resume that includes their name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if applicable), hours per week worked and work experience listed in chronological order.

Prior employees and veterans with a Secret or higher security clearance should annotate that information on their resumes.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.



USMC/Fitzgerald

Spc. Antron T. Byrd, a combat engineer with 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, which is assigned to 1st Marine Division, clears farmland for illegal weapons caches. Byrd, 20, from St. Louis, Mo., and Soldiers from 1st Eng. Bn., conduct these searches throughout the Al Anbar Province almost every day to rid Iraq of illegal weapons.

## Weapons

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sion, they load into their M-113A3 armored personnel carriers and prepare to move to their sector for the day.

"Some of our missions can last up to eight hours and some are less," Sieben said. "Others seem to go on forever."

The Soldiers cover miles of area at a time during the searches, climbing over walls; trudging through muddy farmland and jumping across streams of filthy water.

"We went on this one search that lasted all day," said Carney, of Weatherford, Texas. "We hiked over 20 kilometers."

The Soldiers are on the lookout for anything that looks out of place. Most illegal stashes are hidden, so the Soldiers carry metal detectors and shovels.

"Usually, we find caches buried between one to two feet underground near a house or in a field," Sieben explained.

Sieben stated that, "They're usually wrapped inside a burlap sack and greased up so they don't rust."

If the weapons can be linked to a nearby home, the occupants are detained and questioned about the find. More often than not, the accused are less than cooperative.

"Most people pretend like they don't know anything about the weapons," said 2nd Lt. Richard Knox, platoon leader. "Some people have excuses that are very hard to believe."

Knox, of Dexter, Mich., added if the Soldiers are unable to prove who is responsible for the weapons, no one is arrested. The

weapons are collected and later destroyed.

Uncovering large caches makes the time go by faster, Sieben said, but he also enjoys interacting with the local people while conducting sweeps.

"I can't speak Arabic, but it's still fun talking to them and joking around with them," he said. "They're usually pretty friendly to us."

As the day wears on, the Soldiers are occasionally required to go inside residents' homes if deemed necessary.

"The people are usually understanding and welcome us in,"

Knox said. "They offer us food and drinks and are very helpful for the most part."

The lack of Arabic speakers within the unit sometimes creates a rift between the Americans and Iraqis, but Knox said that's easy enough to get around through hand gestures and other body language.

"We want them to know that we're out there trying to make Iraq safer," Sieben added.

"We may not be able to find the people who hide the weapons, but if we can find the weapons, then they can't be used on troops or Iraqis," he said.



USMC/Fitzgerald

Spc. Hamidah I. Pierce, medic with 1st Engineer Battalion, digs up a suspected weapons cache during a search in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. The battalion has found tons of illegal weapons since arriving in September.



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## Deployment

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"You are the writers of the chapters of history past in your earlier deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom and history future as you embark on your next adventure."

Kearney also talked about how things have changed in Iraq but said the task force's goal remains the same.

"The conditions have changed. The world is watching. Your goal is to provide a safe and stable environment to foster the growth of an Islamic democracy. ... Your tools are your values. ... The actions of a few have strategic consequences."

"Each of you, as in your first trip, will take actions that will have strategic consequences. You have the right values, you have the right training and you're the right people to do the job."

Kearney also addressed the upcoming transfer of Iraqi sovereignty on June 30.

"During your time there, Iraq will become a sovereign nation. It will change the rules. You will never give up the right to self-

defense and to pursue the enemy that has just fired upon you.

"However, taking action in [Iraqi cities] will be at the direction and request of a sovereign nation. ... That is great progress and we should be proud of it."

"As we navigate these new waters you will be asked to be flexible, mentally agile and stay one step in front of the enemy every day. That takes great leadership and you have it," Kearney said.

The Soldiers of Task Force Stalwart take with them the experience of their last deployment. About 50 percent of the Soldiers deploying this time were with the unit on the last deployment, Bachelor said.

Staff Sgt. Robert Dannenberg, a squad leader with Company B, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., said he wondered how the new Soldiers would fit in with the Soldiers who had already seen combat.

"Those Soldiers are the ones who are helping out the new guys," Dannenberg said. "They

are taking care of them and showing them what to do and helping them out as much as possible."

Dannenberg also said that he has noticed a slight difference in training since their return from Iraq.

"One of the things I have noticed about how training was before we went to Iraq was that it was focused a lot on Army guidance," he explained.

"Since we got back, we have focused on experiences we had on reacting to ambushes and [improvised explosive devices] and civilians turning out to be enemy and things like that."

"The guys coming back from 3rd Bde. have done a lot to help us out with the changes going on over there," he said.

Bachelor also said that while training has basically stayed the same, there have been some additions based on the mission.

"Training hasn't changed a whole lot," he said. "Although we understand the battlefield has changed, first and foremost we

have to be able to engage the enemy. We train to that."

"We add on tasks that will help us be successful in an environment that involves support and security operations."

"We put more emphasis on our own values and how we treat the Iraqis so we don't have any problems along those lines," he explained.

While he acknowledges the difficulty of being separated from family and friends, Bachelor said his Soldiers understand the importance of what is happening in Iraq.

"It's difficult to say good-bye to your friends and families but all of us understand a couple of things. We understand the criticality of what is going to happen in Iraq on or about the 30th of June and the days that follow it."

"I want everyone to come home and to come home with a sense of self-worth, knowing that they did everything they could to help good people establish themselves as a sovereign nation," Bachelor said.



Post/Bender

Pfc. Judson Palmer III, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, holds his son, Judson Palmer IV, after the deployment ceremony June 15 to bid farewell to Task Force 1-41.

## Chaplains

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Upon completion, the Soldier is promoted to first lieutenant and can begin service as a chaplain.

"We're looking for good Soldiers who can establish good relationships, be an encourager and share their faith," Paul said. "They also need to be able to share what needs to be heard as well as what sounds good. I would advise any interested Soldiers to come and talk to any chaplain, and we can talk more about our faith."

Additional attempts to recruit chaplains include an incentive program for ROTC cadets similar to what is already done for doc-

tors. This would allow for an educational delay service so that cadets may attend seminary.

The Army also will pay civilians \$35,000 per year as a recruitment strategy allowing them to attend seminary.

"Anyone trying to do this, of course, needs to meet military requirements and must have an endorsement from their faith group," Paul said.

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ians already in the pastorate will continue. The only requirement for civilian pastors is they must be under 40 years old when they join. Chaplains that join in this way will be offered theatre of choice, selecting from such locations as Europe, Hawaii or stateside.

"Chaplains are needed to perform worship services for their faith, but they also need to provide services for anyone, like memorials and funerals," Paul said.

Any interested Soldier may contact their unit chaplain for a more in-depth discussion on their qualifications for the chaplaincy.

## McPhee

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adventure," Hardy said, explaining McPhee's role in filling a large number of vacant leadership positions at Fort Riley.

"It's been a wonderful 10 months here," McPhee told the crowd assembled to say good-bye. "If anybody here doesn't think you have a good command climate going, man, you've got something to learn."

McPhee also pointed out the warrior ethos that characterizes the post's leadership, beginning with Hardy and Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver.

He went on to name several civilian employees on post who exemplified the overall civilian workforce commitment and dedication to superior support to the post and division missions.

"I wish we could have done more to support (the warriors)," McPhee said, as though giving the Soldiers who deployed to Iraq everything they needed immediately wouldn't have been good enough.

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be associated with your magnificent outfits and the incredible work you do," he said.

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# Flyers require post permits

Staff report

Local merchants using flyers to advertise on Fort Riley are in violation of Department of Army regulations, according to Fort Riley officials.

"Many merchants, especially restaurants, like to leave stacks of flyers in common areas of our barracks," said Maj. Jeff Buczkowski, public affairs officer. "Others want to place them on car windshields or on housing doors. None of this is allowed on Fort Riley."

While advertising is restricted, merchants who wish to sell products on post can do so as long as they obtain a solicitation permit. This includes agents selling insurance, spouses holding product parties, school fundraisers and scouts.

Merchants can request a permit registration packet from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office, building 235.

"While there is no limitation on the number of companies allowed to sell on Fort Riley, there is a limit on the number of people allowed to sell a certain product," Farrow said. "There can be no more than five people selling the same item on post."

The permits are free to registered vendors. The permit will have a control number, photo and signature of the person vending the product along with Farrow's signature. Permits are valid for one year. A list of permit holders is updated quarterly.

If a person does not have a permit, or if someone is observed distributing flyers, the observer should contact the Provost Marshal's Office, Farrow said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech), cuts a cake during the Fort Riley observance of the Army's 229th birthday. The celebration took place June 14 on Cavalry Parade Field.

Post/Blackmon



## Army celebrates 229th birthday

### Officials cut cake, lay wreath at Eisenhower's gravesite

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

More than one year older than the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Army celebrated its 229th birthday June 14.

A Fort Riley ceremony honored the Army's two centuries plus with a cake-cutting ceremony at Ware Parade Field in front of the post headquarters.

The celebration included music by the 95th Division's band from Oklahoma City.

Images of the Army's past could be seen on the parade field. A cannon crew from Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, known as Hamilton's Own, took part in the observance.

The battery is the oldest continuing-service unit in the U.S. Army.

Dressed in period uniforms, the artillery crew opened the ceremony by firing Old Thunder, a replica of a 1764 model Revolutionary War cannon.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard posted the colors and provided a modern day link to the Civil War era and cavalry heritage of the Army.

Twelve Soldiers dressed in period uniforms presented visions of various periods in the Army's history.

They represented the millions who fought in more than 10 wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War and ending with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brig. Gen. Frank H. Kearney, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) assistant commander for maneuver, read on the 2004 Army birthday message from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee.

"Our Army is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: the American Soldier, whose courage, compassion and determination have for genera-

tions been the bedrock upon which our victories have depended."

"In all that the Army has accomplished and all that it will be called upon to do, the American Soldier remains the single most important factor in our success," Kearney read.

Division Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela cut a cake for the Army's birthday, using a saber presented by a member of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard.

That afternoon, Canuela and Kearney went to the Eisenhower Presidential Center in Abilene to lay a wreath in front of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grave.

### Brief history of the U.S. Army



1775-1783 - Revolutionary War

June 1775 - Continental Congress authorizes formation of "American continental Army"

1784-1899 - Troops engage in more than 1,000 battles against Native Americans

1812-1815 - War of 1812

1861-1865 - Civil War

1898 - Spanish-American War

1917-1919 - World War I

1941-1945 - World War II

1947 - Department of the Army established

1950-1953 - Korean War

Dec. 12, 1957 - "The Army goes rolling along" named official Army song

1963-1973 - Vietnam War

October 1983 - Grenada Operation

1989 - Operation Just Cause: Troops invade Panama

1991 - Desert Storm

Sept. 14, 2001 - Operation Noble Eagle begins

Oct. 7, 2001 - Operation Enduring Freedom begins

Jan. 6, 2002 - Joint Task Force Guantanamo begins

March 2003 - Operation Iraqi Freedom begins



Post/Blackmon

Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela (left), 24th Infantry Division (Mech), and Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Inf. Div., place a wreath at President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grave in Abilene.

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# Service applauds Reagan's leadership

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

The booms of a 21-gun cannon salute on Cavalry Parade Field punctuated remarks June 11, during a post memorial service for the late former President Ronald Reagan.

Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley, and Chaplain (Col.) Daniel J.H. Paul, installation chaplain, recalled the late president's character and contributions to the nation he served.

"We like our heroes larger than life and, really, President Ronald Reagan was larger than life," Kearney said.

Kearney told the group of people gathered in the Main Post Chapel for the service that the night before he had watched a Ronald Reagan movie he hadn't seen before. In that movie Reagan played a Confederate Soldier, but he was always a cowboy, he was always the hero," he said.

From the silver screen, Reagan walked into political leadership as governor of California and on to the presidency.

Seeing former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev sitting together during a telecast honoring Reagan the morning of June 11 attested to Reagan's presidential power and international leadership, Kearney said.

Reagan was characterized throughout the week following his death as the prime figure in turning the Soviet Union from a Cold



Post/Heronemus

**Brig. Gen. Frank Kearney, assistant division commander for maneuver, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), recounts examples of the late President Ronald Reagan's leadership prowess and character traits worth emulating. Kearney spoke during a post memorial service at noon June 11, in the Main Post Chapel.**

War enemy of the United States and Great Britain into a political friend.

Six qualities Reagan exemplified — confidence and steadfastness, sincerity, humility, humor, love and optimism — are important to all Americans in their daily lives, Kearney said.

Reagan demonstrated confidence in what he was doing, such as revising tax laws, changing economic views and that the United States' strength as a nation would bring peace in the world, Kearney said.

Reagan's sincerity sounded clearly when he spoke, Kearney said. "Any of you who listened to President Reagan had to feel like that was your father talking to you. Even an actor as gifted as

Ronald Reagan cannot fake the sincerity that poured through his heart."

Reagan clearly was a man who was not overcome by the presence of his own office, Kearney said. "He didn't take himself seriously, but he did revel in the pageantry and the tradition of the office of the presidency," he explained.

Commentators throughout the week have mentioned Reagan's willingness to laugh at himself, to use humor to lighten the mood in dark times. Former President George H.W. Bush recalled in one telecast that his weekly meetings with President Reagan always included a joke by him or the president, no matter how serious situations were at the time.

Kearney recalled one story

about Reagan asking medical staff before he went into surgery if everyone in the operating room was Republican.

"A man who has the ability to communicate and use humor is the kind of person we need to deal with the challenges we face day to day," Kearney said.

The Reagans' marriage of more than 50 years speaks to the importance of love in the former president's life, Kearney said. That love was amply demonstrated during the past 10 years when Nancy Reagan cared for the former president while he "endured" Alzheimer's disease, Kearney added.

"The president believed in Americans so much that he wanted to loosen the tight strings of

government," Kearney said about Reagan's personal optimism regarding the United States and its citizens.

Reagan saw Americans pull themselves out of the depression, prosper in the thirties and forties and go on to defeat world totalitarianism, Kearney said.

"I think there is a message in that greatest gift that he gave us — optimism," Kearney said. "We need to be optimistic as Americans, especially in the military, especially with our Soldiers abroad fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and keeping the peace in many other countries. We need to maintain that optimism that we can endure ... and we will bring about change."

"We need to maintain that steadfastness, that sticking to the course and following this through will bring about the change in the world that we saw evident in Ronald Reagan's presidency," he said.

Paul reminded those attending the service that Reagan was known affectionately as "the great communicator."

"In 1981 he referred to the Soviet Union as an evil empire, and history proved him to be right," Paul said. At the Berlin Wall, he challenged Gorbachev to push for reforms in his country and to tear down the wall. "The wall fell two years later," Paul said.

"After our seven astronauts died in the space shuttle Challenger, he comforted our nation. He said, 'The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted, it belongs to the brave,'" Paul said. After Reagan had been in

office only 70 days, a gunman tried to assassinate him. Again relying on humor to relieve the tenseness of the moment, he told his wife, "Honey, I forgot to duck," Paul said.

Paul recalled Reagan's commitment to the military 26 years ago. At the time, Paul was a tank battalion's chaplain. The battalion was mobilized one morning but only seven of the unit's 54 tanks rolled out of the motor pool because of lack of funding for parts.

That changed in the eighties because of then-President Reagan's commitment to return the "hollow Army" to its former strength, Paul said.

"Twenty years ago this week, he spoke these words at the 40th anniversary of the landing of troops at Normandy," Paul recalled. "The words have significance not just for that war but for the war we are in today."

Paul quoted Reagan as saying, "Forty summers have passed since the battle that you fought here. You were young the day you took these cliffs. Some of you were hardly more than boys. With the deepest joys of life left before you, you risked everything here."

"What compelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs? ... It was faith and belief. It was loyalty and love."

"President Reagan had a strong Christian faith," Paul said. "His faith, trust and belief in God helped him not only as leader of our country but also through the difficult struggle he faced with the debilitating disease of Alzheimer's."

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# Commentary

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## Better point of view

### Counting blessings positive start to day

**By Chuck Wagner***Pentagram staff writer*

The worst a person can do is fail to appreciate the many good things in life. I awoke today believing I need to count blessings.

It's good I can drink a cup of coffee in the morning that traveled from Latin America to my cup. What a great thing world trade can be.

I'm happy the Army asks me to condition my body each day. I wouldn't always get it done on my own.

I put on the same uniform some great men and women have worn. That's as prestigious as wearing a Super Bowl ring.

My vehicle now has 160,000 miles on the odometer and still

runs great. It was not imported. I work on an Army installation where I'm greeted at the gate each morning by military police. While parked on post, I've forgotten my wallet on my car seat and it was there when I returned.

My Army is a volunteer force of duty-minded professionals. There will be no military coups, no dictatorships, no martial law.

My first sergeant can do a hundred sit-ups without flinching, hit 40 out of 40 targets with a rifle and she is concerned about how Soldiers are getting along. That's earning respect.

I'm part of the world's largest family. It's something I'm reminded of each time a fellow Soldier and I realize we've served with the same people.

Strangers have thanked me for doing what I do for a living. And I

didn't know how to reply except to say "you're welcome."

My country has helped rebuild every nation it has defeated in combat and now accepts when these nations disagree with U.S. foreign policy.

Just last year, the Army sent me to Honduras for a mission that included building public water systems for people who work in a coffee plant. Return thanks for the coffee.

A piece of paper with George Washington's portrait on the front is the most trusted means of exchange in the world. That's the founding father of my country they see with each purchase. (He was) a man who was offered a king's crown, but who refused it. I can buy more with my spare change than most people in this world can buy with their weekly

earnings. And when I've dropped money, I've had it returned to me.

I live in a country that debates every issue, and that's better than being afraid to discuss it.

Videos and movies depict Americans as violent, self-indulgent and frivolous. I look around me and see caring, thinking, hard-working friends.

There are some people who want to kill me for being American, and they're told it will please their god. My God doesn't ask me to die or to kill to prove I'm a believer.

I've got plenty to appreciate, and I'm sure you do, too.

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## Grunt *By Wayne Uhden*



## Keep close relationship with your teen-ager

To maintain a close relationship with your teen-ager, you need to find new ways to communicate and connect with your teen-ager. Here are some Army One Source ideas that may help:

-- Make an effort to really listen to your teen-ager. Give him your undivided attention. Avoid distractions, such as a ringing phone or the television. Don't interrupt or jump to conclusions.

-- Respect your teen-ager's need for privacy. Teen-agers are working out their independence, and part of that process may involve spending lots of time alone or with friends and not sharing everything with their parents. Remember that this is part of the process of growing up.

-- Show that you're interested in your teen-ager's activities, schoolwork, and friends. Ask questions about sports events, art shows, or tests. Take the time to attend school events, recitals, or matches. This helps you stay connected and gives you a common ground for communicating.

-- Ask questions that can't be answered with a simple "yes" or "no." Instead of asking, "Is everything OK with you and Angie?" say, "I haven't heard you talk about Angie recently. What's going on with her?"

-- Ask your teen-ager what she thinks. Ask for her opinion about TV shows, music, movies, the news, and anything that's going on in her life. By asking for her opinion and then listening to it, you'll be showing her that you respect her.

-- Think hard about offering unsolicited advice. For many teen-agers, taking advice from parents feels like taking a step back in their struggle for independence. Even when your teen-ager asks for advice, he might not follow it. Sometimes when teen-agers ask for advice, what they're really looking for is someone to listen to them, not someone to tell them what to do.

For more information, log on to Army One Source at [www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com) or call 1-800-464-8107.

## Self-Assessment

### It pays to check life gauges regularly

**Chap. Jeffrey Hawkins***Fort Benning, Ga., Bayonet*

Recently I was tooling around in my well-dinged, mean-green driving machine: my 165,000-mile Jeep Grand Cherokee. In fact, the weekend was so gorgeous that I just had to hook the boat up and head for the backwaters (if you think my car is old, you should see my boat!).

I hadn't gone too far when I made it a point to look down and check three gauges on my dash: the temperature, the gas and the oil pressure.

Why did I check them? Well, experience is a great teacher and last year, I learned a painful lesson. One fine Saturday, Team

Hawkins scrambled all around the house collecting everything from snorkels to skis to SPF 5000 and then loaded up for a fantastic day on the water. In all the frenzy and excitement, however, Dad didn't check the gauges. And lo and behold, instead of cooling off from the blazing sun on Lake Harding, we were sweltering over a seeping radiator in 100-degree heat.

It always pays to check to gauges, doesn't it?

And if it pays to check the gauges on your car, just think how much more sense it makes to check the gauges on your life.

What are those gauges?

Well, when it comes to your relationships, I can think of at least three.

Gauge No. 1 — Draining relationships.

Ever have those people that you cross paths with that, shall we say, "suck the very life out of you?" You know these people. When faced with the prospect of an evening at their house, you remark to your loved one, "I'd rather have all my toenails pulled out one by one and salt poured in the wounds!" If the draining relationships in your life are completely blocking you from enjoying folks in the next two categories, then you may want to consider some emergency roadside assistance.

Gauge No. 2 — Neutral relationships.

These are friends who don't empty your tank but they don't

necessarily fill your tank either. They just are. These are folks that you can take or leave.

Gauge No. 3 — Replenishing relationships.

Now here's where you want to maximize your efforts. If you could take a vacation with anybody you could, who would it be? Who inspires you to dream? Many of us could use a few more of these folks in our lives. So this week, as you're driving around, don't just check out the dashboard of your car, check out the dashboard of your relational life.

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# Soldiers learn vehicle extraction, air evac

By Aaron J. Orr

82nd Med. Co. (AA)

Soldiers from the 82nd Medical Company (AA) and airmen from the U.S. Air Force's 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineering

Squadron/Civil Engineers, Fire, helped train Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, in medical evacuation and vehicle extraction procedures during a recent Friday afternoon.

The training took place at a forward operating base north of

Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

A Black Hawk crew and firefighters taught the artillery troops how to work safely around the aircraft while loading and unloading casualties and how to set up a good landing zone. The trainers also demonstrated the types of

equipment firefighters may employ to extricate soldiers from a vehicle after an accident.

"We do extricate people a lot," said USAF Staff Sgt. Joseph Ferrara, "but we don't get to show people the tools we use very often. It's kind of cool to go out

and show people the tools."

What was fun for the firefighters could pay off during an extraction because often "patients would look at the jaws of life and start freaking out," Ferrara said. By seeing how they operate and even handling the tools them-

selves, servicemembers get the opportunity to better understand what goes on in an extraction and know that the tools are going to be noisy but not harmful, he said.

Army Staff Sgt. Darren Bartoe, a flight medic, explained how to load and unload patients and walked Soldiers through the process.

To make the training realistic, 2nd Bn, 11th FA, called in a mock "9-line" later that evening. The aircrew flew back to the battalion's FOB, where two mock casualties were waiting on litters. This allowed the battalion's Soldiers to put to use the lessons they had been taught.

"It's good for them to actually see how to do it," Bartoe said. "To do a hot load (loading patients with the aircraft running) and see how things work and the difficulties that may arise when the pressure is on and there's a little chaos helps them to do it confidently and competently when it's real."

Working together helps the soldiers and airmen better function as a team, in Bartoe's opinion. "I think it's awesome to work with other military branches. It's great that we get to teach them about our job and learn a little about what they do."

This is the second training mission that paired the 82nd Med. Co. and 506th ECES/CEF.



82nd Med. Co./Orr

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, practice connecting an extraction tool to a power unit as Air Force firefighter Staff Sgt. Joseph Ferrara (center) supervises.



82nd Med. Co./Orr

Staff Sgt. Darren Bartoe, a flight medic, instructs 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, Soldiers on proper procedures when working around a medevac Black Hawk.

## Army, singer promote safety

Army News Service

FORT RUCKER, Ala. -- With the assistance of recording artist Mark Schultz, the Army is launching its campaign dubbed "Be Safe - Make It Home" June 7.

Schultz's song "Letters From War" is the centerpiece of the awareness campaign, Army safety officials said.

Schultz and the Army are producing a music video, training video and public service announcements, all featuring the song, that will be used to educate Soldiers and the general public of the Army's high rate of accidental fatalities.

"Letters From War" from Schultz's current album "Stories & Songs," deals with a Soldier returning home safely from war. While the song was inspired by the diaries his great grandmother kept when three of her sons fought in World War II, the song's message is as relevant today as it would have been 60 years ago.

"Statistically, this has been a rough year for Army accident casualties," said Brig. Gen. Joseph Smith, director of Army Safety.

"In an attempt to reverse this trend, the Secretary of the Army initiated the 'Be Safe' campaign to educate soldiers, with the end result of keeping them alive and well. We want our troops to be safe and make it home when participating in everyday activities" such as driving, swimming and biking that can lead to accidents, he said.

Since the beginning of the year, the Army has experienced 168 accident-related fatalities, 39 percent of which occurred in privately owned vehicles. Combine that figure with the almost 26 percent who are killed in Army motor vehicles and Army combat vehicles, and vehicular accidents account for 65 percent of accident-related fatalities.

The remaining 35 percent of fatalities consist of fire, personal injury and aviation accidents.

A key element in the campaign is a newly created safety video that will be shown to all troops. The video and other materials will also be available to Department of the Army civilians, defense contractors and family members.

"Letters from War" is featured in the training video. Schultz recast the final lines of the song to fit the Army's safety campaign and will be making public and media appearances in support of the campaign.

For more information, visit the Army's Safety Center Web site at <https://safety.army.mil/home.html>

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A pilot from 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, fires a rocket from an Apache helicopter during validation range fire May 27. The pilots fired 150 rounds of 30 mm and 12 2.75-inch rockets during the multi-day trials on Range 18.

19th PAD/Wood



## Apache pilots validate weapons systems

By Ryan D. Wood  
19th PAD

Pilots of the 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., unleashed a hail of lead on Fort Riley's Range 18 May 27 while validating the unit's new Apache helicopters.

After flying Cobra helicopters for many years, the unit began receiving the newer Apaches in 2002. May, however, was the first time the unit could test the helicopter's weapons systems, the first step to validating the pilots on the new helicopter.

The transition to the new heli-

copter has been a challenge for the aviation unit, but the war in Iraq and the situation around the world has provided Soldiers the motivation to learn the new, more lethal aircraft.

"Approximately half of the Missouri National Guard is deployed right now," said Maj. Charlie Hausman of 1st Bn., 135th Avn. Regt. "On the whole we are all taking the training much more seriously. All of us recognize that we are going to be deployed in the future. Of course it is a new mission for us, switching to the new aircraft; so there is a lot of enthusiasm, but everyone is very focused right now."

The change is the culmination

of years of work and effort by members of the unit and the National Guard. Achieving this new aircraft has added a feeling of excitement to the unit as a whole, said Maj. David Dippold of 1st Bn., 135th Avn. Regt. While it has caused Soldiers to put in many extra hours, mastering the new aircraft has become the unit's single-minded goal, he said.

"The transition from the Cobra to the Apache has driven the intensity," Dippold said. "We have had visibility, input and a real drive at every level of the state. We've gotten help from the highest levels of the state down to the very last Soldier. Everybody understands how important this is,

and we are all pushing to make it happen."

Substantial differences exist between the two aircraft, Dippold said. Pilots greatly appreciate the increased firepower and survivability of the Apache.

"All you have to do is climb in the helicopter and see that the difference is night and day," Dippold said. "The Apache is far more complex, a lot more switches and things that you have to have committed to memory with a much longer checklist. The Cobra was simple compared to the Apache."

The Cobra had outgrown the weapons systems and needs of the Army, according to Dippold. Aviators were forced to choose

between taking on less fuel or less ordinance, giving them less time over the target to accomplish the mission.

"The Cobra was a 10,000-pound aircraft versus a max gross weight of 21,000 pounds for the Apache. It's a significantly different size," Hausman said. "The Cobra is like a small sports car that you could put anywhere, whereas the Apache would be a muscle car, lots of power and raw energy."

Other improvements on the Apache include an upgrade from TOW to Hellfire missiles and a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) system, which operates off heat versus the night vision goggles

that operate off of ambient light with the Cobra.

Even with the successful completion of the validation training, members of the aviation regiment know that this is just the beginning of the transformation process on the new aircraft.

"This was an excellent feeling," Hausman said. "It was the end of a long road and the beginning of another long road. We have put them through their paces and put some rounds down range and that is a significant accomplishment. It's the start of another long road because we have only begun the process of getting where we need to be on this aircraft."

## Brigade to change commander

### Staff report

The 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, will hold a change of command ceremony June 25 at 9 a.m. on Cavalry Parade Field.

The unit's commander, Col. Russell Gold, will hand over the unit's colors to incoming commander Col. David Bishop.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and Fort Riley, will highlight the accomplishments of the brigade during Gold's command and welcome Bishop.

Gold came to Fort Riley in June 2002. He commanded 3rd Bde. through various combat

training exercises and deployments including Operation Desert Spring in Kuwait, the National Training Center and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gold will begin his next assignment as chief of staff at Fort Knox, Ky., in July.

Bishop came to Fort Riley following an assignment at Headquarters, U.S. Forces Korea, in Seoul, where he served as branch chief in the J-5 Policy Strategy Division.

Bishop has served in a variety of troop assignments. He commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division (Post Support Activity) in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

He served as the battalion S-3 and executive officer with the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Benning, Ga.

Bishop also commanded 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Bishop's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, Valorous Unit Award, Kosovo Campaign Medal and Parachutist Badge.

In the case of inclement weather, the change of command ceremony will be held in hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field.

## NCO promotion board convenes early

### Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The sergeant first class promotion board will convene three months earlier than scheduled and selected noncommissioned officers will start pinning on rank in February, officials said.

The promotion board was first scheduled for February, but was changed to November. The master sergeant promotion board will be held in

September instead of October.

The deadline to update information for non-commissioned officers who are in the zone for promotion to master sergeant is Aug. 20.

The deadline for those eligible for promotion to sergeant first class is tentatively scheduled for announcement in July.

The Enlisted Record and Evaluation Center will notify eligible Soldiers through their Army Knowledge Online e-mail account.

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## Sports news in brief

### Custer Lanes serves lunch

Custer Hill Lanes will start a new lunch program to run Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning June 22.

Items such as hamburgers, pizza, nachos, salads and more will be available from the bowling center's Strike Zone Snack Bar.

Diners using the snack bar for lunch can eat a fast, quality meal at a low cost right on Custer Hill without the road construction hassle.

After lunch, bowl a quick game for \$10 per lane (up to six people for two hours).

Custer Hill Lanes is in building 7485, Normandy Drive. For more information, call 239-4366.

### Coming events:

**June 21** — Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**June 24** — Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**June 21-25** — Intramural Tennis Match

### Rec center hours change

Effective now through Sept. 11, the Outdoor Recreation Center will be open as follows: Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Closed

Also closed July 5-6 and Sept. 4 for federal holidays.

### Outdoor Rec offers new boat

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center in building 9011 on Rifle Range Road now rents a new 21-foot Sun Tracker pontoon boat to eligible users. Cost is \$125 per day or \$200 per weekend. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve the boat.

Maximum capacity is 13 people or 1,800 pounds. A Boater's Safety Test is required before renting the boat.

### Strobe lights offer challenge

Extreme bowling -- bowling under strobe lights -- is offered at discounts for families and individual soldiers using Custer Hill Lanes on post.

Families can bowl in the extreme conditions from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sundays for \$10 per family per lane. They can rent bowling shoes for \$1 a pair.

Soldiers can bowl under the extreme conditions from 10 p.m. Fridays to 1 a.m. Saturdays and from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 1 a.m. Sundays for \$11 per person.

### Families can skate together

The Riley Wheels Skating Rink offers family roller-skating on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 per family of six people. Each additional family member pays \$1.

For more information, call 239-3764.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Slide, or not



Post/Heronemus

Rusty Hurley scores for 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, June 9 against 924th Military Police Battalion, during the fourth week of battalion level slow-pitch softball play. MP catcher Corey MacDonald slips after catching the throw to home plate and Levi Bellovics (left) watches his teammate score. The Artillerymen defeated the MPs 20-13.

## Softball leagues wrap up fourth week

### Staff report

The 924th Military Police Battalion won three of its four games in the fourth week of battalion level slow-pitch softball play. One win came as a forfeit courtesy of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, June 7. The MPs defeated 1st Bn., 41st Inf., 23-6 in the second game that day.

The MPs split their games with 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, June 9. The MPs won the first game 11-3 and lost the second game 20-13.

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity and the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) won both their games June 7 and 9, respectively. MEDDAC defeated 125th Forward Support Battalion 13-1 and 21-14 June 7. The 24th Inf. Div. team defeated 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, 19-3 and 10-8 June 9.

### Company games June 7

The 10th ASOS won both its games in decisive manner. The Airmen bombed Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 13-1, before winning a 29-17 gunfight against Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor.

Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, won its earlier game against Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion, 16-8.

In other games: Service Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, forfeited to HHC, 24th Inf. Div.

The 30th Military Police Company

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Shane Grepo slides into home for a dusty 10th ASOS score in a company level slow-pitch softball game June 9. Adrienne Thomas, catcher for HHC, 937th Eng. Bn., missed the tag on Grepo's inside the park grand-slam homer. The Airmen won 21-8.

Post/Heronemus



437th AW PAO Kleber All-Army player Craig Marcelin (23) snags a rebound in one of Army's two victories against All-Navy.

## Army plays perfect for title

### Cagers win basketball gold in May

By Mark Kleber

437th AW Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — All-Army players defeated All-Air Force players 95-89 to win the gold medal in the 2004 Men's Armed Forces Basketball Championships May 31.

Charleston hosted the service all-stars in the May 26-31 double round-robin tournament.

With only three players returning from its 2003 silver medal squad and seven newcomers, All-Army went 6-0 to capture its third title in the past four years.

"I'm ecstatic to come in here with an inexperienced team, go 6-0 and win the gold," said Army coach Babe Kwasniak, of Fort Lewis, Wash. "It was a great game between two great teams, and the game could have gone either way."

"We want to dedicate this championship to our guys that are deployed," Kwasniak added. "We beat the Air Force in their house. That's pretty sweet."

The All-Army coach said that conditioning was critical to his team's success in the tournament.

"We practiced three times a day in the high altitude at Fort Carson, Colo.," Kwasniak said. "They could not wear us out. My guys can run forever."

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## Coneflower lore blooms over prairie

### Some plants provided food, medication for settlers

By Alan Hynek

Fish, Wildlife Biologist  
Conservation Division

Alan Hynek

The prairies of Kansas are rich in history. Each prairie plant and animal has its own unique story that has unfolded over the centuries.

### On the Wildside: News About Nature

Many native prairie plants provided a source for food and medicine to the Native American and early settlers. One of the most important was the purple coneflower.

Two species of purple

coneflower can be found in the area: the pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) and narrowleaf coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*).

The latter is most com-

mon of the two on Fort Riley.

Both are noted for their long pink petal rays and a bristly head that is quite sharp to the touch.

A third species called purple coneflower (*Echinacea*

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DES/Sullivan

The narrowleaf coneflower is found on the prairie at Fort Riley.





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"If you make the practices hard, then the games are easy. My philosophy is play hard, smart and together."

The team's cohesiveness also was a key to winning the title, he said.

All-Army compiled a 5-0 record, including an 80-77 win over All-Air Force, to set up their championship match at the Charleston AFB Fitness and Sports Center's Hurricane Court. All-Air Force (4-1) needed to beat All-Army by four points to win its first gold medal since their 2000 tournament title at Charleston AFB.

All-Army jumped out to 20-8 lead in the first five minutes with its run-and-gun offense and a swarming defense that caused several of the Air Force's 23 turnovers.

The All-Air Force team, which Coach Mark Watley of Hill AFB, Utah, called his most talented in the past five years, finally settled down for an 18-9 run of its own to cut the All-Army lead to three with nine minutes left in the first half.

All-Army used its superior quickness to spread the reduced lead to 44-35 with three and a half minutes left before a 9-1 Air Force run cut it to one at 45-44 as the first half ended.

"We played our worst first half of the tournament, and we were down by only one point to the best team," Watley told his team at half time. "We need to play tighter defense on Ronald Bartley and Eric Draper and cut down on their open looks."

In the second half, the fired up All-Air Force team behind guard Tyron Wright of Whiteman AFB, Mo., and forward Edward Simpson of Randolph AFB, Texas, pushed its lead to 69-63 with 11

minutes to go.

"We didn't capitalize on some turnovers and they did," Watley said. "Instead of being up 12 points, they hit some three-pointers and we were tied. That was the turning point of the game," Watley said.

During this time Wright picked up two quick fouls, including his fourth, and went to the bench with Air Force nursing a 69-65 lead.

Army tied the game at 74 but the Air Force's 6-9 forward grabbed a rebound, dribbled the length of the court and slammed a dunk to give the host team a 76-74 lead.

When Wright, Air Force's leading scorer, returned to the game after five minutes on the bench, the game was tied 77-77.

Six-foot All-Air Force guard Cornelius Young of Langley AFB, Va., took off just inside the free throw line and soared over the Army defenders for a dunk off the fast break that gave All-Air Force a 79-77 advantage.

Moments later, Army's 6-6 center, Eloi Perry of Mannheim, Germany, fouled out as the Air Force relentlessly pounded the offensive glass.

Army capitalized on Air Force turnovers and reclaimed the lead, 89-83, with 1:21 left. Wright, the Air Force's only all-tournament selection, fouled out on an offensive charging call with 1:16 left on the clock.

"Wright fouling out was the turning point of the game," Kwasniak said. "I knew it would be hard for Air Force to play without his leadership."

All-Army sank six free throws in the final minute to win the title. Kwasniak, who was coaching his last tournament, fittingly cut down the last net. As a player and coach, he finished with a record of three gold medals and one silver

medal in four years of interservice basketball competition.

Eric Draper of Fort Richardson, Alaska, led all tournament scorers with 26 points per game.

Guard Craig Marcelin of Schweitzingen, Germany, paced five Army players in double figures with 21 points. Guard Lucas Lecour of Fort Sill, Okla., had 20 points. Point guard Ronald Bartley of Yongsan, Korea, added 19 points, including five three-pointers. Perry collected 10 points, 12 rebounds and blocked four shots.

Draper, Bartley and Perry made the all-tournament team.

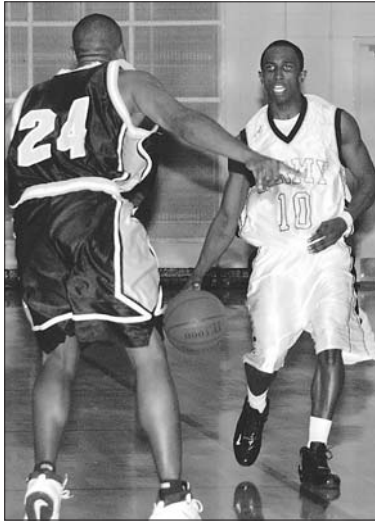
Wright and Simpson paced four Air Force players in double figures with 17 points each. Forward Thomas Bellairs of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., and Simpson collected seven rebounds.

Guard Elvin Walker of Tyndall AFB, Fla., had 12 points. Guard Travis Cantrell of Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, led the tournament with a 93.8 free throw percentage and 55 three-point shooting percentage. He scored 10 points.

Army led the 12-man U.S. Armed Forces Basketball team with five players followed by Air Force and Navy with three and the Marines one.

They will practice at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, June 3 to 16 before participating in the International Military Sports Council 46th World Military Basketball Championship June 17-28 in Croatia.

Coach Watley and assistant coach James Cox of Dyess AFB, Texas, will lead the team. Eddie Goad, officer in charge from Charleston AFB, S.C., and Laura Fields, trainer from the U.S. Air Force Academy, round out the Team USA roster.



437th AW PAO/Kleber

All-Army player Ronald Bartley (10) makes an offensive move to get around All Navy player Rodric Ward (24). The Army defeated the Navy 77-54 May 26 and 75-71 May 29.

## Motorcycle riders plan post event

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

The Harley-Davidson Employee Rider Association of Kansas City will ride into Fort Riley June 19 for the second annual Troop Appreciation Ride.

This year, the events will take place at the Post Exchange parking lot.

"We want to create excitement in the community as well as show our appreciation for all the efforts and hardships that have been endured during the recent deployments," said Rick Talbot, PX manager.

To honor Soldiers and their efforts, the group will be presenting a plaque to Fort Riley at 1:30 p.m.

A free concert, featuring the rock band Crisis, is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. at the PX parking lot. Harley-Davidson employees will distribute free T-shirts and flags to Soldiers and their families as well.

Due to possible inclement weather, the event may be cancelled. For an update, visit [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil).

### Games

**May 26 -- All-Army def. All-Navy 77-54, All-Air Force def. All-Marine 81-77**

**May 27 -- All-Air Force def. All-Navy 69-65, All-Army def. All-Marine 89-73**

**May 28 -- All-Navy def. All-Marine 78-73, All-Army def. All-Air Force 80-77**

**May 29 -- All-Air Force def. All-Marine 78-73, All-Army def. All-Navy 75-71**

**May 30 -- All-Air Force def. All-Navy 73-62, All-Army def. All-Marine 95-85**

**May 31 -- All-Marine def. All-Navy 79-64, All-Army def. All-Air Force 95-89**

### Standings

1. All-Army, 6-0
2. All-Air Force, 4-2
3. All-Marine, 1-5
4. All-Navy, 1-5

### All-Stars

**Ronald Bartley, Yongsan, Korea**  
**Stanley Billings, MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.**  
**Eric Draper, Fort Richardson, Alaska**  
**Eloi Perry, Mannheim, Germany**  
**Tyron Wright, Whiteman AFB, Mo.**

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## Softball

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defeated Battery C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 22-9.

Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 17-4.

Det. D, 15th PSB, defeated 24th Transportation Company 12-11.

Company C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, defeated Service Battery, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 13-1.

HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, defeated 342nd Military Police Company 13-7.

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support), defeated 172nd Chemical Company 6-4.

Company C, 70th Engineer Battalion, defeated HHC, 4th Bn., 1st FA, 6-4.

### Company games

#### June 9

The 10th ASOS airmen won their third game in two days, defeating Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 937th Engineer Battalion, 21-8. HHC, 937th Eng. Bn., also lost to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 16-3.

Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn., also won again, defeating Battery B, 4th

Bn., 1st FA, 14-8.

The 3rd Bde., 7th Div., continued winning with a 9-8 victory against HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., later lost 9-4 against HHC, 4th Bn., 1st FA.

Two 2nd Bn., 34th Armor teams won their games. HHC

defeated 24th Trans. Co. 22-2 and Co. B, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, 27-3. Co. A defeated 977th Military Police Company 20-13.

Btry. A, 4th Bn., 1st FA, forfeited to HHC, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, and HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., forfeited to Det. D, 15th.



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Jack Dilbek stretches for a MEDDAC hit against 125th FSB. June 7. MEDDAC won both games against 125th FSB.



Post/Heronemus

Jersey identifications for players sometimes appear a bit mystical, like this one worn by Adam Santiago, who plays for the 924th MP Bn.



Post/Blackmon

Michael Billings of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, tags Det. D, 15th PSB, runner Kenneth Scott as he tries to slide into third base June 7. Co. A won the game 16-8.

## Wildside

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purpurea) may be found just to the east of Fort Riley in Missouri.

The primary medicinal uses of Echinacea are derived from the root. It was used mostly as a painkiller but also was used for a variety of ailments including sore throat, cough, colds and snakebite.

Echinacea was the only prairie plant used extensively by early European settlers.

The first mention of Echinacea by a physician was by Dr. Ferdinand V. Hayden in an 1859 report

to the secretary of war. He stated that trappers and Indians used the root of Echinacea extensively for cure of snakebite and other ailments. H.C.F. Meyer, a medicine salesman from Pawnee City, Neb., made the first claims for the plant in early medical literature.

Although his claims were extravagant, he nonetheless got the attention of other practitioners regarding Echinacea.

Some of his claims include curing ulcers, gangrene, typhoid, malaria, diphtheria and snake bite.

Interest in the properties of the coneflower soared thereafter. In 1898, the oils from purple coneflower were isolated at the University of Kansas and tested.

Many doctors and researchers reported success in curing a number of ailments by mixing four parts alcohol, one part water and a "tinture" of the ground root.

Modern testing of Echinacea began in 1950 in Germany. Testers found the root to possess mild antibiotic properties against streptococcus. Testing occurred

off and on through the '60s and '70s. Then, in 1978, Echinacea was found to possess immunostimulatory properties, which is what the plant is primarily sold for today.

Other uses of this plant include using the dried head as a comb. This was evidently a prominent use among the plains Indians, evidenced by one Omaha name for the plant - "mika-hi," meaning "comb plant."

The recent popularity in herbal medicines has put Echinacea in

danger of being over collected. Since the rootstock is used primarily in the herbal extracts, the individual plants are destroyed. Serious cases of poaching have occurred on public and private lands.

One of the areas hardest hit has been road rights-of-way. That situation prompted the Kansas Department of Transportation to enact new laws against the collection of herbs from roadsides.

Echinacea roots may not be harvested on Fort Riley. Range

and Safety Regulation 385-12 states: "Flowers and foliage of plants (excluding trees and shrubs) may be taken for ornamental purposes without a permit provided that no more plant material is taken by any one individual, each day, than can fit into a standard 3-pound coffee can (6-inch diameter opening. Root of plants may not be taken.)"

For more information, contact the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or stop by building 1020.

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## Enthusiasts pedal across post

A few of the 700 bicyclists traveling across Kansas pass the intersection of Huebner and 1st Division roads on Fort Riley June 10. The group left Chapman that morning on a leg of the nine-day, 489-mile trip. Biking Across Kansas schedules an annual ride through the state. This was the 30th year for the ride. This year's route began in Sharon Springs near the western border with Colorado and stretched through Oakley, Hill City, Lincoln, Chapman, St. Marys and Lawrence to its destination of Leavenworth. The ride is made just for the fun and recreation of doing it, said Charlie Summers, one of this year's ride coordinators.

# BBQs go year round

## Outdoor chefs can ensure dining safety

By Amanda Wiltse

KSU intern

Cooking outdoors was once just a summer activity shared with family and friends. Now, more Americans are cooking outdoors year round.

Whether the snow is blowing or the sun is shining, it's important to follow food-safety guidelines to prevent harmful bacteria from causing illness.

In order to prevent food-borne illnesses before cooking, keep meat and poultry refrigerated at 38 degrees or lower until ready to use, said Sgt. Russell Nurse of Preventative Medicine.

### Timing important

Only take out the meat and poultry that will be placed on the grill immediately.

Completely defrosting meat and poultry is crucial before grilling so that it cooks more

evenly. Defrosting can be accomplished by putting the meat in the refrigerator for slow thawing or by putting the sealed meat in cold water.

Nurse recommends allowing about four hours to defrost meat safely.

### Check temperature

When it's finally time to cook the meat, make sure to bring the food to a safe internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria.

Meat and poultry cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside, so the inside temperature must be checked to ensure that the meat is cooked properly.

"The only surefire way is to have a thermometer to check the internal temperature of the meat. It should reach 165 degrees or higher," Nurse said.

### Cleanliness vital

Also, be sure there are plenty

of clean utensils and platters.

To prevent food-borne illness, don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry because the harmful bacteria present in their juices can contaminate safely cooked food.

Clean up at a campsite is also imperative to prevent illness. If eating away from home, find out if there's a source of clean water. Nurse suggests bringing the water to a boil and putting clean cooking utensils and platters in the water to fully sanitize them.

### Keep it cool

Refrigerate any leftovers promptly in well-sealed containers and discard any leftovers after five days because there is a higher risk of bacterial growth that could lead to illness, Nurse said.

Nurse offers a free basic food handler's class for those interested in learning more about food safety. For more information, call 239-7323.

# Robot soccer scores for scientists

By K.L. Vantran

AFPS

WASHINGTON -- Yang Gu dribbles the soccer ball across the grassy field. His opponent, a robot named "Brain," turns and moves toward the action.

The technology gleaned from playing soccer with robots may one day help save the lives of those in combat, said Brett Browning, a systems scientist in the Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh.

Browning's work focuses on teams of autonomous robots oper-

ating in complex, dynamic and often adversarial environments. His main project is robot soccer, where teams of robots compete.

Robot soccer, he said, lets researchers focus on problems within a realistic, difficult and somewhat standardized test environment. This allows usable and useful comparisons, Browning pointed out.

"Robot soccer is a dynamic, fast and exciting testing domain that allows us to investigate many robotics-related research issues," said Browning, who hails from Australia. "By its very nature, robot soccer requires a complete

solution where perception, cognition and action must work as a cohesive unit. The need for rapid behavioral response and the limited available computational powers mean that all our algorithms must be fast and efficient.

"The autonomous nature of the system means that our algorithms must be robust and the robot must behave sensibly across a wide range of expected and unexpected

environmental conditions," he added.

The challenge, Browning said, is to create intelligent robots that can work effectively in teams with humans where decisions need to be made in real-time, such as on the battlefield.

Browning's project is part of a contract that the institute has with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

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## Community news briefly

### Church women begin program

The Protestant Women of the Chapel Summer Program 2004 will be at Morris Hill Chapel.

The program will begin July 6 and run from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday in July. Each week will feature a different topic. July 6 will look at marriage and parenting; July 13 will focus on prayer; July 26 will focus on organization and time management; and July 27 will look at the Biblical truth of finances.

Childcare will be available. No registration is required.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Wilson at 784-6615.

### Family program slates camp

The Exceptional Family Member Program Summer Camp will be July 8 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, 5405 West Kansas Highway 157 in Geary County.

The all-day summer camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. Children must be 6 years and older.

Each child needs to be enrolled in the EFMP. Parents need to provide transportation. Scheduled events include canoeing, swimming, horseback riding and archery. While walking to each event, children can enjoy the beautiful Flinthearts scenery and have lots of fun.

For more information or to RSVP for the EFMP Summer Camp, call the EFMP office in the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

### Experts offer car seat checks

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment.

Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts.

Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats which allow seat belts to fit them properly.

### Birthing center extends hours

Birthing, the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Junction City, has increased its hours to serve the public. The center is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays in addition to its regular hours of 2 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

The center also offers childbirth education classes from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 238-3242.

### Custer House reopens Side B

Custer House Side B has reopened and is available for rental by units or organizations wanting a special place to hold an event.

Cost is \$20 with a refundable deposit of \$50.

To reserve a date, call Karen Higdon at 784-4044.

## AER campaign exceeds goal

### Staff report

Fort Riley contributors exceeded this year's Army Emergency Relief campaign goal by more than \$16,000 but gave about

\$5,000 less than they did last year.

Elsie Brillante of the Directorate of Community Activities reported that 2,632 contributors gave \$76,474.59 to this year's

campaign. Campaign coordinators set the goal at \$60,000 for the second straight year because many post Soldiers are deployed overseas.

Last year's campaign

raised \$81,000 for the relief fund, Brillante said.

This year's campaign ended June 10. It began April 15 and would have ended May 14 but was extended to June 10 to accommodate the return of

Soldiers from Iraq and their subsequent block leave.

Army Emergency Relief funds are available to Soldiers and retirees who need financial help meeting essential needs.

## Tassels turned



Staff Sgt. Marty Bost (center) visits with 1st Sgt. Paulette Nash and Sgt. Christy Hawkins after the post graduation ceremony June 10. Bost received his bachelor of science degree from Upper Iowa University during the ceremony.

## 229 students earn college degrees

### By April Blackmon

Staff writer

Soldiers and civilians gathered June 10 in King Field House to honor 229 students who graduated from higher education programs offered on post.

The students earned 11 master's degrees, 44 bachelor's degrees and 174 associate's degrees in various fields from six colleges and universities.

An honorary associate's degree was awarded posthumously to Sgt. Uday Singh, who was killed in Iraq Dec. 1, 2003. Singh took classes from Barton County Community College and had completed two-thirds of his degree before deploying.

"He was an exemplary student and had a genuine thirst for knowledge, as evidenced by his 3.77 GPA (grade point average)," said Veldon Law, president of Barton County Community College. "Although

Singh's dream of a better life here on earth did end with his death, his dream of obtaining a college degree does not have to end," he said.

Eighty-one active duty Soldiers, 47 military veterans and retirees, 12 civilians and 70 family members were among the graduates attending the ceremony.

"This ceremony is the end of your degree but is the beginning of the rest of your life," said keynote speaker Walter Schneider, associate director of MSA programs, Central Michigan University. "I can assure you each of your institutions is very proud of what you've done."

Upper Iowa University's regional director for military centers, M. Wayne Converse, expressed his pride in the graduates.

"What a great day ... for all the colleges and universities here at Fort Riley whose facul-

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Caroline Arbogast receives a hug from Adelina Morales. Arbogast accepted an honorary degree awarded posthumously to her friend Sgt. Uday Singh, who was killed Dec. 1 in Iraq.

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## Family groups employ hi-tech

### Internet sites keep relatives informed

#### By Kristen Hamilton

KSU intern

One of the primary goals and ingredients of a successful Family Readiness Group is to "provide an avenue for sharing timely, accurate information and communication," according Army Community Service materials.

Many FRGs have taken advantage of the Internet to create Web sites that enhance their communication network.

"Before our Soldiers left on this deployment, I asked them all, single and married, if they would like me to keep their parents updated with a monthly newsletter," said Tammy Huguenin, FRG leader for Battery A, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. Out of 75, 66 said yes.

"After receiving the newsletter for a few months, one of the dads approached me about doing a Web site for our battery. Together he and I have posted many pictures, letters, poems and support links on this site."

"Soldiers and FRG members, including extended family members, love the site," Huguenin said.

"Through it, I have met some really great parents, sisters, aunts and grandparents who all love the opportunity to be involved," she said.

For those FRGs looking to start a Web site, Huguenin suggested, "Find a parent or family member with great computer knowledge to help get it going. Advertise it in every newsletter and make it available to spouses as well as parents."

Huguenin's FRG is not alone in their excitement about a Web site. The support platoon for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, developed a Web site before they went to Kuwait in 2003, according to "Momma Norwood," the Web site coordinator.

"Momma Norwood's" son was the platoon leader of the "Roadhogs" at the time.

Norwood said it wasn't an easy venture for her at first. "I knew

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## KSU student develops scheduling program

### By Michelle Hall

KSU

MANHATTAN — Michael Smyers, a junior in electrical engineering at Kansas State University, knows how hard it can be to find a class schedule that works well for a student. In fact, he said, most students settle for one that just "works."

"I spent three or four hours try-

ing to get the best schedule," Smyers said of his first time registering.

"Freshmen are last in line to pick classes. Whenever I had a schedule that seemed to work, I discovered one or more classes were closed, and I had to start over. It was extremely difficult and frustrating," he said.

But Smyers, who hails from Olathe, didn't just complain about the difficulties facing registering

students, he created a computer program to help make the process a little easier.

"Getting a working class schedule is very time consuming," he said. "I thought there must be a better way. I looked extensively for something to help me. I'd much rather use someone else's tools than reinvent the wheel. But I couldn't find anything I could use."

Smyers' resulting program,

Course Scheduler, contains all the classes and class times taught at the university selected. Only K-State and the University of Kansas are available now, but Smyers plans to soon offer more.

Students enter their required classes for the semester and the program shows the students all of the possible class combinations. Features students can select include "Consider Closed Sections," "Allow/Disallow Certain

Sections," (such as 7:30 a.m. courses) and "Lock/Unlock Section," (to take a class with a friend).

"This program gives a student an incredible advantage now," Smyers said. "This program is important because, for the first time, a student can easily find a working class schedule that fits their lifestyle and body clock."

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## Community news briefly

### SFSC activities:

**June 18** — Army Family Team Building, Level II, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**June 19** — Take a Break! Free Childcare, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**June 23** — PCS-Stateside Briefing, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

**June 25** — Newcomer's Orientation, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**June 25** — Soldier & Family Member Deployment Preparation Briefings, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### Men's group studies Bible

A long-term men's Bible study group meets from 5:15 to 6:15 a.m. each Thursday at Kapaun Chapel on Custer Hill. All men are invited.

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer at 784-8384 or 239-9565.

### Olympics group invites families

The local Special Olympics group invites families who have special needs individuals to join them in their upcoming events.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program providing year-round training, education and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people age 8 and older with mental and physical retardation.

For more information, call Geary County representatives Otis Scrougins at 238-1342 or Bob Alan at 762-2149.

### Crafts center sets classes

**June 20** — Scrapbooking Get-Together, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**June 21** — Wood Safety, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**June 21** — Crochet, Knitting, Cross Stitch, 7 p.m.

**June 23** — Advanced Matting & Framing, 6:30 p.m.

### Private piano lessons offered

Family members can enroll in private piano lessons through Child and Youth Services. Lessons are given in the music room at the Fort Riley Teen Center, building 5800. Weekly 30-minute lessons cost \$45 per month. Enrollment is accepted whenever vacancies exist.

All participants in classes must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Annual CYS registration costs \$15 per child or \$35 per family. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Central Enrollment Registry, building 6620 on Normandy Avenue on Custer Hill.

For more information, call Central Enrollment Registry at 239-4847.

### Teen Center activities:

**June 18** — Rolling Hills Refuge Trip, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**June 19** — Midnight Basketball, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

**June 25** — Mouse Trap Skate Park Trip, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 239-9222. The center is located at the corner of Thomas Avenue and Longstreet Drive on Custer Hill.

### The Shoppe sells gift items

The Shoppe sells unique gift items in its new location in the U.S. Cavalry Museum, building 205.

The Shoppe receives new gift items weekly for its stock of handcrafted items, unique farewell gifts, pottery, deployment candles, military items, and much more.

The Shoppe's hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2743.

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The tasks students face at registration include choosing from 4,000 to 5,000 different classes, making sure no times conflict, leaving time for lunch, scheduling classes that aren't completely across campus from one another, fitting in courses with labs, lectures and recitation time and, finally, checking to make sure courses aren't closed.

Smyers said his interest in programming started when he was 9 years old. He initially wrote Course Scheduler to solve his needs only.

"But once my friends realized I could make their schedule in minutes, I was very, very popular dur-

ing enrollment times," he said.

"Early versions only worked for K-State, but I also had friends at KU who were suffering during enrollment and encouraged me to modify it to work with other schools," he said.

Smyers said the idea of using a program to schedule time is not a new concept. But, using a program to schedule a student's classes and easily figure out and show all the possible class combinations is innovative.

Smyers said the college has supported his efforts to get the Course Scheduler out to others.

He said professors and administrators in the college slowly

became aware of his program and the knowledge worked its way up to the assistant dean of engineering, Ray Hightower.

Smyers set up a demonstration table outside the college enrollment area for new students in June 2003 and was provided a booth for demonstrating his program at the recent K-State Engineering Open House.

Next up, Smyers hopes to create a "freshman" mode for those who have no concept of how college classes and scheduling works.

To see Michael Smyers' creation, Course Scheduler, go to [www.coursescheduler.com](http://www.coursescheduler.com).

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**Stephanie Spears moves her tassel from right to left, signifying her graduation. Spears received a BS degree from Barton County Community College.**

ty and staff ensured day after day that quality education was provided to our Soldiers, family members and civilians," he said.

Staff Sgt. Nelson Russell Jr. of 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support) received his bachelor of science degree in social science from Upper Iowa University.

"It was pretty academically challenging," he said about the program.

"It kept me on my toes. But I feel like I've accomplished a pretty big step in life, and I'm thankful for the faculty that assisted me in doing it," he said.

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nothing about running a Web site. I just jumped in," she said.

Now that she's been running the site for a while, she has some advice for those looking to get their own site started. "There needs to be a go-to person for leadership," she said.

"Contact every family of the Soldiers and encourage them to use the site. Find a good chat board, even if you have to pay for it. Until the bugs are worked out, it is time-intensive. From that point on, hang on for an experience you will never forget," she suggested.

In addition to private Web sites, each unit on post is authorized space on Fort Riley's official site, according to Christie Vanover, former Public Affairs Office Webmaster. "The units have Webmasters who are authorized to add photos, images and text information at their convenience.

"We recommend that units use this asset because it goes through regular security checks to make sure that no sensitive information is posted that could put our Soldiers into harm's way," she added.

The Rear Detachment of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, updates its site with photos from Iraq and monthly FRG newsletters, according to Vanover.

Both the Roadhog and Battery A Web sites have come up with different methods of dealing with sensitive information. Battery A's site, [www.htcsystems.com/iraq/index.htm](http://www.htcsystems.com/iraq/index.htm), has a reminder on the homepage that the enemy is listening and a set of rules for the message forums is posted.

The rules include a reminder that no message on the Web is a

private message, a reminder to follow security policies and a warning that the forums are monitored and messages in violation of the rules are removed.

The Roadhog Web site has adopted similar precautions.

"We had help from those who were experienced with Operational Security. I get updates from Rear Detachment and the FRG leaders. We all monitor the site with a lot of common sense and help from other families. We now have the capabilities of banning someone from the site," Norwood said.

The Web site, [www.roadhog.org](http://www.roadhog.org), carries a notice on the homepage that includes the following warning:

"Nothing of an official nature shall be posted or discussed. The Webmaster will control content of all material posted herein and will exercise the removal of any inappropriate material left by visitors in the comment sections."

The content of FRG Web sites is a concern for Pearl Speer, director of the Soldier Family Support Center.

"When things are put on the Web site, anyone can see it, including the enemy. It's important to keep that in mind. Troop locations, troop movements, personal telephone numbers - even of the FRG leader - should not be posted," she said.

"The easiest way to avoid any problems is to run the information through the unit's page on Fort Riley's site. The Rear Detachment can assist the FRG with this," she said.

The response from Roadhog families speaks for itself. Rodena

Josey, mother of a Soldier in the support platoon said:

"The web site for the Roadhogs was a tremendous help in coping. The support of all the other families going through the same thing and communicating was a tremendous stress relief."

Soldier's mother shared this:

"Overall, I think the Soldiers have enough to worry about. Knowing their families have the support of the Web site, they can complete their mission and know that their families will have the additional support they need while they are deployed."

Another mother of a Soldier in the Roadhog platoon commented:

"I would recommend other units keep their Web site much like this one, where you can chat and see photos, ask questions and get the answers, and have an administrator to watch over it so that nothing that can harm is said."

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## Leisuretime ideas

### Manhattan:

**Country Stampede** — Complimentary tickets will be available at the gate for the Kick-Off party June 24, for valid military ID card holders. Gates open at 4 p.m. The Kick-Off program features Shevy Smith, Rushlow and Mark Willis as well as a karaoke contest.

Special military salute tickets for June 27 are also available to valid military and DoD civilian ID card holders for only \$10.50 (\$50 value).

Tickets for all performances are available through ITR in building 6918 (across from the main post exchange).

For more information, call 239-5614 or 239-4415.

### Manhattan:

**Arts in the Park** — Summer concert series featuring national, regional, and local musical groups/performers; 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays only, through Aug. 14; City Park.

For more information, (785) 587-2757 or visit [www.ci.manhattan.ks.us](http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us) on the Internet.

### Matfield Green:

**Covered Wagon Train Adventures** — Travel with prairie folks from varied walks of life in original wagons; delicious campfire meals and pioneer activities; weekends by reservation only; 9:30 a.m. Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday; through June 27; 8 miles southeast of town.

For more information, call (316) 283-2636 or visit [www.kscoveredwagon.com](http://www.kscoveredwagon.com) on the Internet.

### Dover:

**Heritage Days** — Festival includes kiddies and adult tractor pulls, musical jamboree, parades, draft horse team pull, crafts, antiques, BBQ, and fireworks; 7 to 10 p.m. June 18 and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 19; 15 miles southwest of Topeka on Kansas Highway 4.

For more information, call (785) 256-6050 or (866) 466-6736 or visit [www.historic-sageinn.com/dover.html](http://www.historic-sageinn.com/dover.html) on the Internet.

### Topeka:

**Sunflower Music Festival** — An annual series of chamber orchestra concerts and chamber music of the highest level; performances at 7:30 p.m. June 18-26, except June 24; White Concert Hall, Washburn University. For more information, call (785) 231-1010 or visit [www.washburn.edu](http://www.washburn.edu) on the Internet.

**Territorial Kansas Sesqui-centennial (150th) Event** — The exhibit tells the story of the bloody struggle between abolitionists such as John Brown and proslavery settlers in Kansas Territory, through Oct. 1, Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW Sixth Avenue.

For more information, call (785) 272-8681 or visit [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org) on the Internet.

### Baldwin City:

**Planes, Trains, Automobiles** — First Annual Father's Day Weekend Festival; antique and classic car show downtown on June 19, antique tractors at Heritage Tractor, model trains at The American Legion Hall and full size train rides on the Midland; hunting, fishing and sports show at The Lodge, and serving elkburgers and antique airplanes at the Vinland Airport; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 19-20; Vinland Airport to Midland Railway.

For more information, call (785) 594-3200 or visit [www.baldwincitychamber.com](http://www.baldwincitychamber.com) on the Internet.

### Osawatomie:

**John Brown Jamboree** — Ice cream social, parade, carnival, craft booths, car show, fishing and tennis tournaments, baby contest, talent show; June 23-27.

For more information, call (913) 755-4114 or visit [www.osawatomieks.org](http://www.osawatomieks.org) on the Internet.

### Council Grove:

**Wah-Shun-Gah Days Festival/Walk/Intertribal Pow Wow** — The Kaw Inter-Tribal Pow Wow is the featured program of the Wah-Shun-Gah; days events to be held on the grounds of the Kaw Mission; 8 a.m. to midnight June 18-20; Pow Wow at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday; other programs include story-telling and contra dancing Friday evening, dulcimer playing Saturday afternoon, and the six-mile Wah-Shun-Gah Walk Sunday morning from Allegawaho Park to Kaw Mission. Parade, craft show, flea market, carnival, street dances, and entertainment for all.

For more information, call (620) 767-5882 or (800) 732-9211 or visit [www.council-grove.com](http://www.council-grove.com) on the Internet.

**Antique Tractor Show** — Antique show featuring tractors, implements, and engines; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 19; 200 N. Union. For more information, call (620) 767-5413 or (800) 732-9211 or visit [www.council-grove.com](http://www.council-grove.com) on the Internet.

**Car Show** — Best of show, best original, best modified, and others; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 19; 500 W Main, Courthouse parking lot. For more information, call (620) 767-5882 or (800) 732-9211 or visit [www.council-grove.com](http://www.council-grove.com) on the Internet.

### Belleville:

**Crossroads Car Festival** — 500 hot rods, antiques, classics, customs, and special interest vehicles; 10 a.m. to midnight June 19; Belleville City Park. For more information, call (785) 527-2310 or (866) 527-2355.

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America's Warfighting Center

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### Military band to perform at Duty Statue

The 95th Division Band will present a free concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. June 22, on the lawn in front of the U.S. Cavalry Museum, building 205.

The band, directed by Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Bennett, will play patriotic and show tune selections.

The general public is invited to attend. Persons attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Parking is available in the King Field House and Wainwright Hall lots.

The band supports a nine state region — Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. In the past year, they have performed in front of more than 470,000 people and promise to bring a selection of music that will enliven the summer evening.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will move to Patton Hall auditorium located across the street from the museum.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.



*The Great Race Photo*  
Sunwest Employers entered this 1955 Ford Thunderbird in the 2003 race. The driver was Bob LaBine of Phoenix, Ariz. The navigator was John Marchisotto of Scottsdale, Ariz.



*The Great Race Photo*  
Uni-Temp Refrigeration — Penguin Racing entered this 1929 Ford Model A Speedster in the 2003 race. The driver was Billy Cothorn of Norcross, Ga. The navigator was John Williamson of Nashville, Tenn.

## Great Race stops in Manhattan

### Special to the Post

SAN MARCOS, Texas -- The Great Race will stop in Manhattan, Kan., for lunch, Rally Partners Inc., the race's organizers, have announced.

Downtown Manhattan will greet more than 100 vintage vehicles entered in the 22nd running of The Great Race shortly after 11 a.m. June 24, as they compete in their two-week, vintage car cross-country rally race.

The Great Race, America's oldest, longest running and richest vintage motor sports competition, takes place annually. The cross-country trek is based on time-speed-distance for vehicles that are at least 45 years old.

Great Race 2004 participants may enter any make, model or year of vehicle that was originally

manufactured before 1959.

Lisa Rockley, of Downtown Manhattan, Inc., stated, "Downtown Manhattan is thrilled to be chosen as a host city to The Great Race. This is a great opportunity to get outside with the family and enjoy the atmosphere of downtown."

Main Street communities across the state of Kansas rave about The Great Race. This race is unlike any other. The community can converse with the drivers and even touch the cars."

The National Guard is one of the official national sponsor partners of The Great Race.

Rally Partners Inc. is headquartered in San Marcos, Texas. For information on The Great Race,

call (800) 989-7223 or go to [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com) on the Internet.

### Great Race Schedule

DATE	CITY	TIME	DATE	CITY	TIME
June 19	Jacksonville, Fla.	Noon	June 26	Colorado Springs, Colo.	5:30 p.m.
June 20	Tallahassee, Fla.	7 a.m.	June 27	Day Off	
	Columbus, Ga.	12:50 p.m.	June 28	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8 a.m.
June 21	Homewood, Ala.	5:30 p.m.		Breckenridge, Colo.	3:45 p.m.
	Birmingham, Ala.	7:30 a.m.		Breckenridge, Colo.	9 a.m.
June 22	Jackson, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.	June 29	Eagle, Colo.	1 p.m.
	Jackson, Tenn.	7:00 a.m.		Steamboat Spgs., Colo.	7:15 a.m.
June 23	Springfield, Mo.	5:30 p.m.	June 30	Vernal, Utah	12:10 p.m.
	Springfield, Mo.	8:30 a.m.		Provo, Utah	8 a.m.
	Fort Scott, Kan.	12:40 p.m.	July 1	Wendover, Nev.	12:45 p.m.
	Ottawa, Kan.	4:30 p.m.		Elko, Nev.	7:30 a.m.
June 24	Overland Park, Kan.	5:30 p.m.	July 2	Truckee, Calif.	5:30 a.m.
	Overland Park, Kan.	7:15 a.m.		Marysville, Calif.	8:40 a.m.
	Lawrence, Kan.	8:20 a.m.		Vallejo, Calif.	4:10 p.m.
	Manhattan, Kan.	11:55 a.m.	July 3	Pleasanton, Calif.	5:30 p.m.
	Abilene, Kan.	2 p.m.		Pleasanton, Calif.	7 a.m.
June 25	Hays, Kan.	5:30 p.m.		Watsonville, Calif.	10:40 a.m.
	Hays, Kan.	10 a.m.		Monterey, Calif.	2:15 p.m.
	Oakley, Kan.	12:15 p.m.			

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